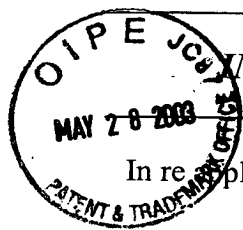


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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are enclosed, may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application. These references were cited in a corresponding European application. A copy of the Supplementary European Search Report which was completed February 25, 2003 is enclosed herewith as well. These references are submitted in compliance with the applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make these citations official record in this application.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due in conjunction with the filing of this IDS. However, should the Commissioner determine that additional fees are required for filing the present Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our deposit account number 500388 (Order No. SRC1P042).

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